

## Blood Test Fact Sheet

The Tasmanian Government *Standards for Boxing and Combat Sport Contests* provide requirements for the conduct of boxing contests within Tasmania. Standard 13 governs the requirements of Blood Tests for competing boxers:

- Competing Boxers must provide results of a blood test which have been undertaken no more than **6 (six) months** prior to the date of competition.
- The blood test results must show whether the competing boxer has been exposed to, and is infectious with the HIV virus, the Hepatitis B virus and/or the Hepatitis C virus.
- Competing boxers whose blood test results indicate that they have been exposed to, and is infectious with the HIV virus, the Hepatitis B virus and/or the Hepatitis C virus, will be prohibited from competing.

**Failure to provide the necessary blood test results will result in the competing boxer being prohibited from competing.**

When attending your medical practitioner to request a blood test for competition, it is your responsibility to request testing for the following:

- **HIV virus**
- **Hepatitis B virus**
- **Hepatitis C virus**

It is the responsibility of individual boxers, their coaches and their clubs to ensure that blood test results conform to these standards. Boxing Tasmania Incorporated (BTI) will not permit bouts to occur where a competing boxer has not provided the required results. In addition, BTI will not condone nor tolerate efforts by boxers, coaches or other representatives, to pressure the attending medical practitioner to approve a pre-contest examination of a competing boxer, who has not provided the required results.